GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4883
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RESTORATION OF DUTY FREE BENEFIT TO INDIA BY USA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States of America has announced restoration of duty free benefit for some items exported from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which duty free benefits are likely to be restored; and

(c) the total amount of investment involved annually in these items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. United States of America has announced restoration of duty free benefits for 42 items exported from India to USA in the jewellery, leather, textiles, agricultural and other sectors. These benefits will be restored only after the issuance of formal notification by USTR.

(c) : The value of Indian export of these items to USA is around US $ 691.6 million for the year 2000.